

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 13/14, 2018**  
**SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

## FOR JANUARY

### **Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

## ***OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER***

*Feel free to share your special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.*

For victims of natural disasters and violence  
For a peaceful solution to conflict  
For family members who have died  
For all those looking for work  
For a woman concerned about her family  
For those suffering from the cold  
For the end to abortions

In thanksgiving for the prayers and support from  
The family of Zeina Francis  
For the safety of all who are traveling  
In thanksgiving for the arrival of Fr. McChesney  
For those preparing for sacraments  
For all those in pain  
For justice for immigrants and refugees

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

January 12 – Pilgrimage to the Baptismal Site, Mass at 11:00 AM. All must be in place by 10:30 AM.

January 12 – Confirmation class resumes, 1:00 PM at Jesuit Center

January 12 – Care for the Poor group, to sort contributions. All are welcome. 1 PM at the Jesuit Center

January 13 – First Communion class resumes, 3:30 PM at St. Mary of Nazareth

### **January 13/14 – SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**

January 14 – World Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

January 15 – 7 PM, “Ask Father John” at Paul David’s residence - 9 Anwar Al Khatib Street, Sweifieh

January 17 – Fr. Gerald on vacation until February 18. Weekend Mass at Jabal Weibde and Jabal Amman will be in English only until his return.

January 18 – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

January 19 – 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

January 21 – 11:30 AM – English Mass at Jabal Amman

January 21 – Anniversary of the death of Fr. Kevin O’Connell, SJ - 2016

January 23 – Day of Prayer for the protection of unborn children

January 24 – Prayer for Christian Unity, St Mary of Nazareth, 6 PM (*Probably in Arabic*)

January 25 – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

January 26 - 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

January 26 – 7 PM - ONE BIG FAMILY HAVING FUN at Terra Sancta – a performance by the Theatre Arts Workshop and the Jesuit Center

January 28 - 11:30 AM – English Mass at Jabal Amman

February 2 – First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles during Mass  
Bring candles to be blessed.

February 3 – Feast of St Blase – Blessing of throats after all Masses

February 17/18 – Mass celebrated in Latin

February 18 – Fr. Gerald returns from vacation

February 21 – Ash Wednesday according to the Orthodox schedule

Ashes will be distributed following the 8:30 AM and the 6 PM Masses at the Jesuit Center

February 24/25 – First Sunday of Lent

March 3 – First Confessions for our First Communion candidates

### **HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?**

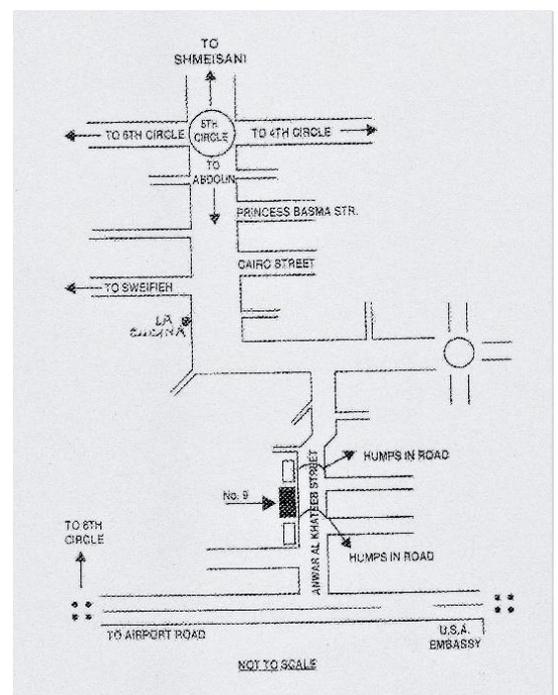
Go to [www.jordanjesuits.org](http://www.jordanjesuits.org), go to the link for SACRED HEART PARISH and on the right side is a direct link so you can register on line.

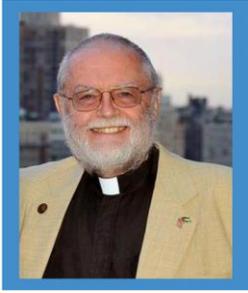
Couldn't be easier. Thank you.

### **ASK FATHER JOHN (Part II)**

On Monday, January 15, there will be another session of “Ask Father John,” an open conversation about anything you want to know or ask. It will be at Paul S. and Vivian David’s House, 9 Anwar Al Khatib Street, Sweifieh. Map on the right.

Phone if you are lost – 079 588-9330.





# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

The art work on the first page of this bulletin reminds us that January 15<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Although he was an American, his work and his philosophy touched many parts of the world, including his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Americans old enough to remember the days of the Civil Rights movement in our country know what an extraordinary man he was. Not just that he had a clear sense of what was right, and not even that he was a man of bravery. His greatest accomplishment was that he absolutely embraced a non-violent approach to righting the wrongs of our country. He rejected righteous anger that led to violence, and he condemned those who chose violence no matter what side they were on. He had faith in God and he had faith in his fellow countrymen and he believed absolutely that the wrongs would be righted.

We are, above all, a people of faith. It is our faith that binds us to the Church and the teachings of the Church. It is our faith that guides us in applying those teachings in our daily lives. Our faith keeps us faithful when we don't understand, when we don't agree, when we feel betrayed. We put our faith in God over the opinions of others, over the dictates of "common sense," even over our own desires.

We have finished the weeks of Advent and the Christmas season. When the streets and our houses are filled with decorations, it is easy to remember God. Now we are back in "Ordinary Time" and it becomes more difficult to find God in all things, at all times, in the routines of going to work and doing homework and cleaning the oven. Yet our Catholic faith is – should be – strongest in ordinary time, doing the ordinary things.

The Church teaches that faith is a gift. Yet as Catholics we have a serious responsibility to be ready to receive the gift whenever it is given, and to feed and strengthen it throughout our lives. It is not enough to simply show up in Church on Sunday. (In fact, that is a solemn obligation, binding under pain of mortal sin.) Each Catholic should make private prayer a part of each day's schedule. We each should read books about our faith on a regular basis – history of the Church, lives of saints, reflections on theological questions. If an adult Catholic has done nothing since he or she was in school about increasing knowledge of the faith, they are not living as Catholics.

Our lives are busy; our schedules are full. We have assumed a range of commitments for ourselves and for other members of our families, and it seems as though there is never enough time. Yet the truth is that we manage to find times for the things that are most important to us. Your faith is what holds everything else together; in this ordinary time in which we find ourselves, make sure that you have made time for taking care of your faith.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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**Facebook:** If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and on your first visit you request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.

## A PIECE ON GEESE THE SENSE OF THE GOOSE



In the fall when you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in the "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it

creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF A TEAM AND SHARE A COMMON DIRECTION GET WHERE THEY ARE GOING QUICKER AND EASIER, BECAUSE THEY ARE TRAVELING ON THE TRUST OF ONE ANOTHER.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go through it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock.

IF WE HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS A GOOSE, WE WILL SHARE INFORMATION WITH THOSE WHO ARE HEADED THE SAME WAY WE ARE GOING.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose takes over.

IT PAYS TO SHARE LEADERSHIP AND TAKE TURNS DOING HARD JOBS.

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed.

WORDS OF SUPPORT AND INSPIRATION HELP ENERGIZE THOSE ON THE FRONT LINE, HELPING THEM TO KEEP PACE IN SPITE OF THE DAY-TO-DAY PRESSURES AND FATIGUE.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by a gunshot and falls out, two geese fall out of the formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and then they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group.

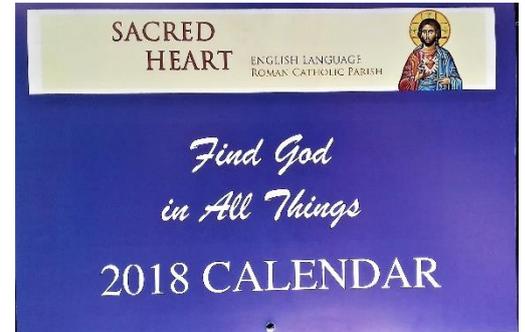
IF WE HAVE THE SENSE OF A GOOSE, WE WILL STAND BY EACH OTHER WHEN THINGS GET ROUGH.

The next time you see a formation of geese, remember...

IT IS A REWARD, A CHALLENGE AND A PRIVILEGE to be a contributing member of a TEAM.

## The SACRED HEART PARISH 2018 CALENDAR

is available after Mass, and at the Jesuit Center. We ask for a contribution of 2 JD for one, but 3 copies for 5 JD and 10 copies for only 15 JS. Help promote the parish and spread the word that we exist.



## MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle

## THE WORK OF ORDINARY TIME

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of the season begins:  
    To find the lost,  
    To heal the broken,  
    To feed the hungry,  
    To release the prisoner,  
    To rebuild the nations,  
    To bring peace to brothers,  
    To make music in the heart

*(author unknown).*

## LATIN MASS

One of the great traditions of the Church is the heritage of our Latin Mass, harkening back to a time when a common language was seen as a symbol of a universal Church. The weekend Mass on February 17 and 18 (the last weekend before Lent) will be celebrated in Latin. We will have a special Order of Worship available so that all can participate. (Note: This is NOT the Tridentine Mass, which can only be celebrated with special permission, but the current Mass celebrated in Latin. Readings and the homily will be in English.)

A man decided that he would change the world.  
But, he wasn't successful.  
So he decided to change the country.  
But, he wasn't successful.  
So he decided to change his community.  
But, he wasn't successful.  
So he decided to change his street.  
But, he wasn't successful.  
So he decided to change his family.  
But, he wasn't successful.  
So he decided to change himself.

**AND HE WAS SUCCESSFUL.**

AND HIS FAMILY CHANGED AND THEY AFFECTED THEIR STREET.  
AND THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET AFFECTED THEIR COMMUNITY.  
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY AFFECTED THEIR COUNTRY.  
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY AFFECTED THE WORLD.

*Glenn Beck*

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN 2018?

**USE THE HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER** - Ask the Parish to pray with you – by name if you want. If we know whom we are praying for it becomes more powerful. Remember, we pray in thanksgiving and celebration as well as petition. Share events – in other volunteer groups, at a school, items that others might be interested in. Share things you read and pictures that help inspire you. Not everything may get used, but the more points of view, the better.

**BECOME A LECTOR** – Reading at Mass is one of the great privileges of our day. In February there will be several workshops to prepare you to read at Mass. One workshop and you will be added to the list of Lectors, for both Sweifieh and Freres. Times for the workshops will be listed in upcoming issues.

**ALTAR SERVERS** – Traditionally altar servers have been young people, but in many cultures and many parishes, men into their 20's serve at the altar. We need more volunteers at both Mass sites to help serve Mass. One workshop – several will be scheduled in February- and one short walk through at the Church will prepare you with everything you need to know to serve Mass. Boy and girls, men and women.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** – In This Vicariate, this is reserved to men only. To be certified as a Eucharistic Minister, you must attend two workshops. Dates and times will be listed, but consider volunteering for this important work in our parish.

**CHOIR** – I have **not** given up on the idea of a choir that will rehearse once a week and help both lead the community in song and inspire our worship. More news on this to come, but unless you have studied singing and failed – you don't KNOW if you really can sing or not. One of the truths of music is that the more voices that come together, the better the sound. Take a chance, lift up your voice in praise and song.

**PLANNING AND INSPIRING** – No one person has all the ideas or can be always creative. Fr. John wants a group to help counsel, advise and inspire – whatever the "official" name is. Now is the time to start planning for Lent, and the great celebrations of Easter and Holy Week. How can we better help our parish community in worship and in service? Contribute your experience and a little bit of time.